



Skippers Welcome Center

"We provide travel information including attractions, maps, directions and a reservation service to our visitors."

Green Statement: "We decided to go green to eliminate as much waste as possible for a cleaner, healthier environment."



GREEN ACTIVITIES

☒ **Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Virginia Green facilities must recycle Glass Bottles and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:

- Recycle: aluminum cans, office paper, toner cartridges, fluorescent lamps, electronic equipment

kitchen

- Donate excess food from events

restrooms

- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Use high-efficiency hand dryers
- Purchase recycled-content paper towels and toilet paper

office

- Use a last-in/first-out inventory and labeling system
- Encourage suppliers to minimize packaging and other waste materials
- Purchase from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
- Make double-sided copies/ printed materials
- Use electronic correspondence and forms

building and grounds

- Use "green" cleaners that are dispensed in bulk
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides

☒ **Minimization of Disposables.** Participants are encouraged to minimize use of all disposables. This facility pledges that they:

- Use disposable containers made from bio-based materials, recycled content paper, and that are compostable and/or recyclable

☒ **Water Conservation.** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Use water-flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use
- Have:
 - Low flow toilets
 - Automatic faucets or toilets in public restrooms

- Discourage water-based cleanup (sweeping first)

☑ **Energy Conservation.** The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:

- Use:
 - compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and in canned lighting
 - LED Exit Signs
- Have high efficiency heating & air conditioning (HVAC) systems
- Perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Use lighting sensors to turn on/off lights

☑ **Promote Virginia Green Participants.** This facility pledges that they promote the Virginia Green members in their region by:

- Using brochures on hand to indicate if the museum or business is Virginia Green
- Having a Monthly Marketing Display with a different theme each month. If a brochure applied to the theme, the brochure would be used in the display to enhance the individual museum or business



For more information on Skippers Welcome Center, see www.vatc.org or contact Donna Powers at dpowers@virginia.org.

For more information on the **Virginia Green** program, see www.deq.state.va.us/p2/viriniagreen/homepage.html or go to www.viriniagreentravel.org.

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. *Virginia Green* is supported through a partnership between the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association, and the Virginia Tourism Corporation. The program has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism; these practices are the minimum requirements for participation in the program, but encourages participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations.

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